

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Regarding the Training of Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) and Business Emergency Team (BET) Members

- 1) The Portland Fire Bureau has organized a program for the training of civilian emergency response team members (NET and BET).**
- 2) The NET/BET Training Program is a cooperative activity in which all participants must work together to help make the program safe and successful.**
- 3) The Training Program will involve instruction in the areas of Fire Suppression, Utility Control, First Aid, Search and Rescue techniques, and procedures in organizing emergency response teams to aid and assist the Fire Bureau in times of crisis.**
- 4) The Training Program may take place in both indoor and outdoor settings. The training is accomplished primarily in a classroom setting, although exercises and some training in the use of fire equipment may take place outdoors. The Training Program will involve some physical activity, such as training with fire extinguishing equipment. Team members will not be intentionally exposed to fire or other dangerous situations during their training.**
- 5) While participating in NET or BET training, participants may face dangers from fire equipment malfunction or misuse; being injured by other participants during an event; variable weather conditions; and irregular and natural terrain.**
- 6) Participants have the absolute right to choose not to do any activity, although they will be encouraged by instructors, team leaders and other participants to attempt and/or complete the activities.**
- 7) The Portland Fire Bureau and its agents will do their best to help make this a positive experience which will emphasize teamwork, cooperation, and community service in overcoming difficult emergency situations and will provide participants with the opportunity to learn more about how their efforts can help aid and protect lives and property in times of disaster or other emergencies.**

I fully realize the dangers of participating in a program of this type. Despite these potential dangers and risks, I will participate and voluntarily assume all the risks associated with such participation.

In consideration for the acceptance of my application for participation in the NET/BET Training Program, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR

DEATH, WHICH I MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE TO ME, OR TO PAY HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE NET/BET TRAINING PROGRAM.

THIS RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE AND RELEASE, IN ADVANCE, the Portland Bureau of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services and the City of Portland, their agents or employees FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF, OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH, MY PARTICIPATION IN THE NET/BET TRAINING PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH THAT LIABILITY MAY ARISE OUT OF NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF THE PERSONS OR ENTITIES MENTIONED ABOVE AND HEREIN RELEASED.

It is further understood and agreed that this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is to be binding on me and my heirs and assigns.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE PORTLAND FIRE BUREAU AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD. PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED.

DATE: _____
Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Participant

DATE: _____
Signature of Witness

Printed Name of Witness

DATE: _____
Signature of parent or legal guardian
(if participant is under age 18)

Printed name of parent or guardian

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